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589 MEN LOST ON FRENCH CRUISER SUNK BY AUSTRIAN SUBMARINE U-6

COL. ROOSEVELT RUNS WILD ON STAND TELLING WHY HE CONSULTED WITH THE BOSS

"I Wanted to Make Use
of Platt's Experience," T.
R. Declares.

IS EXCITED ON STAND.

Bowers Declares Barnes's
Counsel Deceived Roosevelt
in Reading Senate Report.

By Samuel M. Williams.
(Special Staff Correspondent of The
Evening World.)

SYRACUSE, N. Y., April 28.—Col. Roosevelt's long ordeal of cross-examination at the hands of William Barnes's lawyers was finished at 10:45 o'clock this morning. It was a tame conclusion compared with the spectacular revelations of previous days. Mr. Irvine's windup was with the keen sting of irony rather than with attempts at a knockout blow. He sought by quoting from the Colonel's own speeches and written articles to demonstrate two facts: That the Colonel repeated in numerous speeches in the 1914 campaign, after the libel suit was brought, the same allegations against Barnes—also by reference to the Colonel's speech denouncing muckrakers in 1906 he was guilty of the same crimes of reckless denunciation and assaults on character which he then denounced.

Col. Roosevelt practically ran wild on the stand when his own lawyer began to question him and opened the gates.

On favoring the nomination of Gov. Hughes in 1908, Mr. Roosevelt said: "I was told that the backers of Gov. Hughes were out to smash me; to upset my influence or to exalt Mr. Hughes at my expense; that the men back of Hughes were my opponents, nevertheless I felt it had nothing to do with nominating the best man."

Coming down to 1910, when the Colonel first broke with Barnes and beat him in Saratoga Convention, the witness asserted that he was induced to re-enter politics by Gov. Hughes. This was soon after the Colonel's return from Africa, and Barnes objected to his "outing" on the State situation. The Colonel said: "I took it up, at urgent personal request of Gov. Hughes. I was most reluctant to go into the fight. I met Gov. Hughes' commencement day at Harvard. The two issues were whether or not bosses should be perpetuated in party government and whether or not we should have direct primaries in New York. I sent a telegram by Gov. Hughes' request to—I have forgotten who—but I took up the fight."

The two hundred spectators in the courtroom saw the most intense dramatic episode of the trial. They hung on his words. He swayed them to a vision of his own sincerity, particularly when auditors, who were aimed to the path of excitement by the trial.

"Why did I come it with Mr. Platt?" exclaimed the Colonel. "Because of his wide knowledge. I found his advice valuable. I consulted with him on all important matters that came up. My purpose was partly to take

COWL KILLED HIMSELF, IS CORONER'S FINDING, EXONERATING FIANCEE

Tests Show Ribbon Too Weak
to Fire Revolver—Suicide
Was Deranged.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., April 28.—Coroner John J. Phelan to-day filed his finding on the death of Arthur Heern Cowl of New York, which occurred at a hospital here Monday night, from a bullet wound in the head.

The coroner says that the wound was self-inflicted by Cowl at the home of Arthur De Forest Wheeler in Stratford, where Cowl had gone to visit his fiancée, Miss Emily Wheeler.

The coroner says Miss Wheeler had nothing to do with the death. Several tests made by him with the ribbon which Cowl had attached to an automatic revolver hidden under his coat and the other end of which he had asked Miss Wheeler to pull, promising her a surprise, convinced him that Miss Wheeler, even though she pulled the ribbon, could not have discharged the weapon, and that the shot was fired by Cowl himself.

In none of the tests, said the coroner, was she able to discharge the revolver by means of the ribbon.

The coroner said that Miss Wheeler told him that the engagement between herself and Cowl had never been broken.

Miss Wheeler denied to-day there was a quarrel and the return of an engagement ring. She broke down several times under the cross-examination of the coroner.

She will attend the funeral of her dead sweetheart.

Medical Examiner S. M. Garlick filed his finding in the case with the coroner to-day. He says that death was deliberately self-inflicted and that Cowl was probably mentally deranged. The wound was made with a thirty-eight-caliber bullet and the ball passed completely through the head and disappeared.

Private services over the body of young Cowl, which was taken to his parents' home in Gerat Neck, L. I., yesterday, will be held there at 10:30 o'clock to-morrow morning. Interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, New York.

\$1,500,000 FOR PIERS.

The Sinking Fund Commission agreed to-day to build three piers, one of them the largest in the country—perhaps the longest in the world, and spend about \$1,500,000 in the project that will employ hundreds of men.

The record-breaking pier, 1,773 feet long and 150 feet wide, will extend out from the foot of Thirty-fifth street, South Brooklyn. But this is not all. There will be another pier, at the foot of Twenty-ninth Street, which will be 1,215 feet long, and a third at Thirtieth Street, 1,375 feet long, also in South Brooklyn.

The longest pier will cost \$630,000. The next will cost \$400,000 and the third \$470,000.

Milwaukee Stock Broker Arrested Here on Theft Charge.

Frederick W. Sneek, a Milwaukee stock broker, was arrested this afternoon in front of No. 200 Broadway, charged with the theft of \$800 from a customer in his home town. The arrest was made at the request of the Milwaukee police.

A WHOLE LONKETER BOILED ALIVE 400
Gomer's Camp, 104th & Columbus st., Adm.

\$6,000 MANAGER WHO CONFESES HE PLANNED BOLD PAYROLL HOLDUP



PHILIP T. WHITE

Baseball To-Day

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

AT PHILADELPHIA.

BROOKLYN—0 0 0 0
PHILADELPHIA—2 0 0 1

Batteries—Appleton and McCarthy; Mayer and Kilfer.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

AT WASHINGTON.

ATHLETICS—0 0 0 0
WASHINGTON—1 0 0 0

Fielder Games Postponed.

The ball game between the Giants and the Boston Nationals scheduled for to-day at the Polo Grounds, was called off on account of wet grounds. The Highlanders and the Boston Americans game scheduled for to-day at Boston, and the Baltimore and Brookfields game which was to be played at Washington Park, Brooklyn, to-day, were called off on account of inclement weather. Rain also prevented the Pittsburgh and St. Louis game which was scheduled to be played at Pittsburgh to-day.

HAYRE DE GRACE RESULTS.

FIRST RACE—Selling; three-year-olds; five and a half furlongs—Minstrel, 10 to 1, 3 to 1 and 4 to 1; won; Hiker, 100 (McCabe), 4 to 1, 1 to 1 and 2 to 1; second; Egmont, 112 (Trull), 3 to 1, 2 to 1 and 1 to 1; third. Time, 1:08 2-5. Videt, Marvelous, J. B. Herolt, Dixie and Saturnus also ran.

SECOND RACE—Selling; handicap; three-year-olds and upward; one mile and seventy yards—Cliff Field, 100 (McCabe), 5 to 1, 1 to 1 and 2 to 1; won; Richard Landen, 105 (Fairbrother), 10 to 1, 4 to 1 and 2 to 1; second; Lochiel, 105 (Tappin), 2 to 1, 1 to 1 and 2 to 1; third. Time, 1:46 1-5. Emerald Gem also ran.

THIRD RACE—Selling; four-year-olds and upward; five and a half furlongs—Col. Cook, 110 (Adams), 15 to 1, 6 to 1 and 7 to 1; won; Yorkville, 112 (Turner), 5 to 1, 2 to 1 and 1 to 1; second; York Lad, 110 (Grubb), 7 to 1, 4 to 1 and 2 to 1; third. Time, 1:08. Bertha V., Lost Fortune, Stonehenge, Louise Travers, Sir Lyke, Brookers, Colors, Laura and Soldier also ran.

LEXINGTON WINNERS.

FIRST RACE—Selling; for fillies and mares; three-year-olds and upward; five and one-half furlongs—Amazon, 38 (McTear), 10 to 1, 5 to 1 and 3 to 1; won; Tanager, 102 (Stirling), 12 (Turner), 10 to 1, 5 to 1 and 3 to 1; second; Disraeli, 104 (Chitra), 12 (Turner), 10 to 1, 5 to 1 and 3 to 1; third. Time, 1:07 2-5. Disraeli, Chitra, Tanager, Lady, Birka, Yallah, Mrs. McTear and Lady Capricious also ran. \$2 mutuels paid. Amazon, straight \$11.50, place \$8, show \$6.30. Gift Edges, place \$11.10, show \$7.80. Busy Edith, show \$10.80.

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"I LED HOLD-UP," IS THE CONFESSION OF \$6,000 MANAGER

Masury & Co.'s High Salary!
Employee Planned Taxi Rob-
bery of Firm's Payroll.

SENSATION IN COURT.

Following Plea He Removes
Masonic Emblem—"Not
Fit to Wear It."

The trial of Philip T. White for planning and helping to carry out the robbery of two youths carrying the \$6,002 payroll into the office of the John W. Masury & Son paint factory, No. 50 Jay Street, Brooklyn, came to an abrupt end to-day when White pleaded guilty. He was indicted for robbery and assault a month ago, and even then his friends said that a grievous mistake had been made. He made a dramatic statement to the court, taking off his Masonic emblem and declaring he was no longer worthy of wearing it.

White made a sorry appearance as he stepped to the bar to give his history in answer to the questions of Clerk Doubleday. The alert, stocky, almost jaunty business man who had first faced court and jury was gone, and in his place stood a pale, broken, confessed criminal. He gave his full name as Philip Tolner White, born thirty-four years ago in Matthews County, on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. When asked if he is temperate in the use of liquors he paused a long time, then replied, "I am now."

MAKES DRAMATIC STATEMENT OF GUILT TO JUDGE.

"Your Honor, I confess my guilt before this court and the world," said White in a low voice, when Judge Aspinall asked him if he had anything to say. "I confess that I betrayed the great confidence placed in me by my wife, my employers and many, many friends. There is one thing I want to ask—that the good Lord will give me strength to serve out the term you may impose and that afterward I may make restitution to John W. Masury & Sons of every penny they have lost through me, and I want to make restitution to the State and to Arthur Barlow, who has been discharged by the firm. I don't know why. This is a bitter cup, but it is the Lord's will that I shall suffer. That's all, Your Honor."

White was sales manager for the paint concern at a salary of \$6,000 a year. He had a handsome home at Elizabeth, N. J., where he lived with his wife and two little daughters. There he was a model husband, devoted to his family, his garden and with much enthusiasm to the raising of fancy chickens. But in New York he was fond of night life, and besides the Crescent and Elks Clubs, which he used in the day, he had the habit of spending much time in queer haunts at night.

The evidence on the trial showed that in these haunts White formed the acquaintance of several chauffeurs and other young fellows willing to take chances, and pointed out to them how easy it would be to hold up messengers carrying money to various business houses for the weekly payroll.

TOLD THEM THEY COULD GET PAYROLL EASY.

"Our payroll isn't very big," White said, according to the record, "but we can get it as easy as if it were handed to us."

The first payroll taken was from

Society Girls in Romance Who May Be Doubly Sisters-in-Law



CORDELIA DREXEL BIDDLE

\$50,000 NECKLACE ONE OF MANY BRIDAL GIFTS TO MISS BIDDLE

Wedding of Philadelphia Heir-
ess and Angier B. Duke a
Brilliant Church Affair.

(Special to The Evening World.)

PHILADELPHIA, April 28.—A \$50,000 pearl necklace and a \$25,000 diamond necklace are among the rich gifts which have been bestowed upon Miss Cordelia Biddle, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, who was wedded to Angier Buchanan Duke, scion of one of New York's wealthiest families, at 4 o'clock this afternoon in Holy Trinity Church, Rittenhouse Square.

To guard against any visit that robbers might contemplate paying to the Biddle residence, No. 2104 Walnut Street, where a dazzling fortune in wedding presents has accumulated, detectives, both from the City Hall and a private agency, remained on duty there all of last night and to-day.

Regarding the rumored engagement of his son, Anthony J. Drexel Biddle Jr., to Miss Mary L. Duke, sister of the bridegroom, who was the maid of honor at this afternoon's ceremony, Mr. Biddle was asked if an announcement of a second alliance between a Biddle and a Duke would be made to-day after the wedding of Miss Cordelia Biddle. He replied:

"No, not yet. Further than that, I can only say it is not my place to make such an announcement. That is the prerogative of the parents of the young lady."

For social brilliancy and the number of prominent persons in attendance comparatively few weddings in this city in recent years equalled that of Miss Biddle. Rev. Floyd W. Tomkins officiated. Society leaders from New York, to be exact, five hundred and four of them, and Baltimore and Washington mingled with socially prominent Philadelphians both at the ceremony and the reception which

68 GERMAN WARSHIPS SIGHTED ON A CRUISE OUT IN THE NORTH SEA

Paris War Office Declares That 600
Germans Were Killed on One
Narrow Space Near Yser—Allied
Armies Take Offensive.

ALL ATTACKS OF ALLIES REPULSED, SAYS BERLIN

PARIS, April 28 (Associated Press).—The following communication from the Ministry of Marine was given out this afternoon:

"The armored cruiser Leon Gambetta, cruising at the entrance of the Otranto canal, was torpedoed the night of April 26-27 and went to the bottom in ten minutes.

"All the officers on board perished at their posts. One hundred and thirty-six members of the crew, including eleven under officers, were rescued by vessels sent out promptly to their help by the Italian authorities.

[The total number of the crew is reported at 725. This would make the loss 589.]

"The list of survivors has not yet been received at the Ministry of Marine."

BRINDISI, Italy, April 27, via Paris April 28 (Associated Press).—The French cruiser Leon Gambetta, torpedoed by an Austrian submarine in the Strait of Otranto, has been run ashore. Fears are now entertained that she may float away on the next high tide.

The cruiser was torpedoed by the Austrian submarine U-6 in the Strait of Otranto, the waterway leading to the Adriatic Sea.

The first report of the destruction of this cruiser came from the men on duty at the Semaphore Station of Santa Maria Leuca. Vessels were sent to the aid of the Leon Gambetta from Brindisi, Taranto, Otranto and Bari. The men at the station also went out in their own boat, and were the first to reach the scene.

It has not yet been ascertained whether the attack on the French cruiser occurred within the territorial waters of Italy.

The Austrian submarine U-6 is the same craft that a few days ago boarded the Italian steamer Jolanda.

The U-6 came from Cattaro, on the eastern coast of the Adriatic, an Austrian port about three hundred miles distant from Santa Maria Leuca Point. This distance could have been traveled by the submarine in about twenty hours. It was learned here to-day that the U-6 was sighted by fishing boats Monday afternoon.

Three French cruisers were last night watching the strait between the island of Corfu and the Italian coast. This strait, when the various islands are taken into consideration, does not measure more than forty or fifty miles wide.

It appears that the U-6 took up a position about half way between Santa Maria Leuca and the Greek island of Othont. Here the craft waited for its prey, and when the opportunity offered discharged its torpedoes against the Leon Gambetta, which was one of the French cruisers doing patrol duty.

The Gambetta was built at Brest in 1901; was 476 feet long; had a draught of 26.9 feet and a displacement of 12,352 tons. She carried a crew of 725 men and had a speed of 23 knots. Her armament consisted of 4 7.6 inch, 16 4.5 guns, 24 3-pounders and two submerged torpedo tubes.

Captain of Swedish Ship Sees 68 German Warships on Cruise

LONDON, April 28 (Associated Press).—Capt. Scott, commanding a Swedish steamer, reports the presence in the North Sea of a German fleet numbering sixty-eight vessels all told.

Capt. Scott says he was held up by one of these German steamers. After examination of his papers he was permitted to proceed. The German fleet was composed of vessels of all classes, from battleships to torpedo-boats.

The date of Capt. Scott's encounter and just where in the North Sea he sighted this German fleet has not been announced.

Attacks of British and French Halt at All Points, Says Berlin

BERLIN (via London), April 28 to recapture the territory which they [Associated Press].—The German had lost in Flanders. In the afternoon Headquarters Staff to-day both sides of the Ypres-Pillman high gave out the following report: "The English attempted yesterday road, but the attack broke down

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